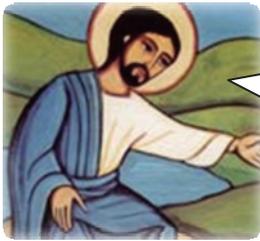


# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

## MATTHEW 24:26-44



This year, all of the Gospels for the season of Advent come from the Gospel according to Matthew. In this week's Gospel, Jesus tells us that he will come again, at the end of time. However, no one knows when this will be except God. So, Jesus tells us that we must always be ready for him. He gives us this example:



If the owner of the  had known at what  
of the   the  was coming,  
He would have kept  and would ~~X~~  
have let his  be broken into.

What can you do to show that you are ready for Jesus this Christmas time? Use letters from the words "Be Ready" to help you to choose one thing you can do each day for this first week of Advent.



e.g. Take caRe of my dog by taking her for a walk every day.

**B** \_\_\_\_\_

**E** \_\_\_\_\_

**R** \_\_\_\_\_

**E** \_\_\_\_\_

**A** \_\_\_\_\_

**D** \_\_\_\_\_

**Y** \_\_\_\_\_

### SACRED SPACE FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF ADVENT

For the season of Advent, use a purple cloth or purple piece of sugar paper as the base for your Sacred Space. Display the Advent calendar on page 4 behind the Sacred Space, and colour in the star as you do each day's activity. The class Bible can be opened on the Gospel passage for this week. As Tuesday is the Feast of St Andrew, place the picture from page 15 in the Sacred Space this week.



# FEAST OF ST ANDREW

NOVEMBER 30<sup>TH</sup>

During the first week of Advent we celebrate the Feast of St Andrew.

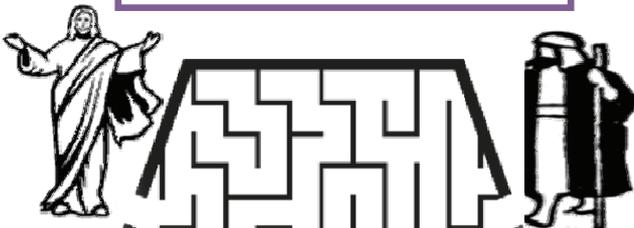
## ST ANDREW'S FACT FILE

- St Andrew was born around the same time as Jesus
- He was born in Bethsaida, a town close to the Sea of Galilee
- St Andrew's brother was St Peter
- They were both fishermen
- They were both called by Jesus to be his apostles
- We believe that St Andrew died in Patras, a city in Greece
- St Andrew was crucified, just like Jesus
- We celebrate St Andrew's Feast Day on November 30<sup>th</sup>
- St Andrew is the patron saint of fishermen
- He is also the patron saint of Scotland



To learn how St Andrew became the patron saint of Scotland, go to [www.kandle.ie/2010/09/29/st\\_andrew/](http://www.kandle.ie/2010/09/29/st_andrew/) or look up "The Story of St Andrew - Scotland's patron saint" on youtube.com.

Help Jesus find his way to Andrew through the maze



Four of Jesus' disciples were fishermen. Can you find their names in the Word Search below?

P	E	T	E	R	Q	J
W	R	E	T	R	Y	O
J	A	D	S	F	D	H
A	H	K	J	L	Z	N
M	A	N	D	R	E	W
E	X	V	C	B	V	N
S	U	T	E	K	J	M

Colour the picture of St Andrew on the next page, and sing the song *Peter Remembers* from *Alive-O<sub>4</sub>* pp302-303 and *Alive-O<sub>5</sub>* pp322-323. There is also a Prayer Service in honour of St Andrew in *Alive-O<sub>5</sub>*, pp396-397.

## PEADAR AGUS AINDRIÚ



D'iarr Íosa ar Aindriú is mé féin an lá sin i nGalilee,  
Bheith ag iascaireacht dó go deo, ach ní iascaireacht mar a bhí.

Nuair a dúirt sé 'A Pheadair! Is tú 'bhéas mar aspal agam féin.  
Fág do bhád is líon agus tar is lean mé.'

Sé dúirt sé 'A Pheadair! Is tú 'bhéas mar aspal agam féin.  
Déan dearmad den iasc! Fág do bhád is lean mé.'

(Beo go Deo 4, p.304)